COMPLAINTS RECEIVED REGARDING QUALITY OF COAL

2309. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of complaints received about the quality of coal due to the presence of stones and earthly materials in the last three years, with year-wise break-up thereof;

(b) what is the amount deducted for that, details with year-wise break-up ;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for this; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) The year-wise break-up of complaints received at destination from different sector of consumers due to the presence of stone and earthly materials are given below :—

1991-92	..	114
1992-93	..	79 (excluding MCL)
1993-94 (upto Nov.)	..	79

(b) The deductions made by the various consumers on account of quality in the last three years have been Rs. 252 crores, Rs. 347 crores and Rs. 220 crores respectively. However, these figures have been contested by CIL and is in the process of reconciliation which is a continuing one.

(c) and (d) On the basis of enquiries conducted action is taken against the erring personnel which includes suspension, issue of warning letters etc.

CASES PENDING UNDER NATIONAL COAL WAGE AGREEMENT

2310. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the cases under clause 9.4.2 and 9.4.3 of the National Coal Wage Agreement IV pending at the Head Quarter of B.C.C.L. till 1-12-93;

(b) the period from which these cases are pending and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any guideline to avoid delay in implementing these provisions;

(d) if so, the details thereto;

(e) whether the delay is deliberate; and

(f) if so, the reasons thereof and the steps taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Details are as under :

Year to which pertaining	No. of cases pending under paras	
	9.4.2	9.4.3
1987	24	15
1988	22	20
1989	19	1
1990	41	12
1991	41	15
1992	139	148
1993	282	321

(c) and (d) At every level there is guideline for quick disposal of cases through follow-up action.

(e) and (f) There is no deliberate delay but delay is due to non-submission of required and relevant documents and disputed claims.

IRREGULARITIES MADE IN THE APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY B.C.C.L.

2311. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 102 persons were given employment by the B.C.C.L. in area VI in pursuance of the order of Ranchi Bench of Patna High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that later details pobation by District Administration, Dhanbad has proved that the identification was wrong and fake persons have been employed ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that genuine workers filed complaints before the

High Court on this wrong identification ; and

(e) wheher it is also a fact that B.C.C.L. has not taken any steps to get rid of these fake person ; and

(f) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal No. 1, Dhanbad in its Award in Ref. No. 49 of 83 ordered for reinstatement of 111 workmen after identification to be done jointly by the union and management. The Award was challenged by BCCL before the Ranchi Bench of Patna High Court, who directed the Tribunal to identify the workmen. The Tribunal identified 102 workmen out of 111. The High Court directed the company for provisional appointment of these 102 workmen, subject to the final disposal of the application.

(c) The Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad, consequent to complaint received, ordered for an enquiry. The management approached the High Court for direction who stated that 102 persons were appointed pursuant to its order and the Dy. Commissioner had no jurisdiction to order for any enquiry.

(d) The Coal Company has no information on this.

(e) and (f) The persons referred to above were appointed o nthe order of the High Court, Pending final disposal of the writ application by the High Court, the question of coal company taking any action against the persons appointed does not arise.

MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS BY G.M. OF CENTRAL COALFIELDS LTD.

2312. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received a representation on 9th November, 1993 from the Bihar Collieries Kamgar Union (CITU) about the misuse of public funds by the General Manager of Central Coalfields Limited by purchasing recently items like Dinner Sets, Safari Suits etc. ;

(b) if so, the details of the amount spent on such purchasing and justification for such purchase and the action taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) Yes, Sir. A representation dated 4-11-1993 from the Bihar Colliery Kamgar Union (CITU) has been received.

(b) 11,000 employees of Kathara Area of Central Coalfields Limited earned incentive for achieving target of production. It was decided in consultation with the Concerned Trade Union representatives that utility items such as Safari Suit lengths, Dinner Sets, watches, skybags, etc. may be purchased out of the incentive amount and distributed among the eligible employees. A sum of about Rs. 6 lakhs has been spent on the purchases.

गिरिडीह् कोयला खान को हुआ घाटा

2313. श्री बह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान : क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्ष 1990-91 के दौरान गिरिडीह् कोयला खान के परियोजना क्षेत्र में लगभग 3 करोड़ रुपये का घाटा हुआ था और जब महाप्रबंधक के कार्यालय ने वहां कार्य करना प्रारंभ किया था तब 1991-92 और 1992-93 के वर्षों के दौरान यह घाटा बढ़कर क्रमशः 12 और 14 करोड़ रुपये तक हो गया ;

(ख) क्या सरकार वहां घाटे को न्यूनतम करने के लिए महाप्रबंधक के स्थान पर परियोजना क्षेत्र (प्रोजेक्ट एरिया) की पुर्नस्थापना का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो पहले की स्थिति कब तक बहाल कर दी जायेगी; और